

## What is a Transition Fair?

As students prepare to graduate and leave New Hanover County School (NHCS) system, each will be faced with many important decision making opportunities. Students will have many questions.

- Where will I go to college and what are the requirements?
- Can colleges offer me support in the post-secondary environment?
- What kind of work do I want to do, and are there any jobs out there?
- Where can I go to get other kinds of personal help?
- What agencies are out there to help me?

These questions and more can be answered by the many professionals at the NHCS Transition Fair.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## DAY SCHEDULE

Time— 9:30 to 2:30

### "Agency and Employer Booths"

Students from high schools and parents gather information related to transition planning and student employment information from agency and employer booths.

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## EVENING BREAKOUT SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Time—6:00 to 7:00

### (One Time Presentation)

#### "Legal Questions & Concerns"

##### Presenters:

Richard Poole, Attorney,  
Law Office of Richard Poole

Megan Kopka, Analyst,  
Pathfinder Wealth Consulting

##### Focus of Presentation:

This one hour session will provide guidance related to financial and estate planning for families of students with disabilities and legal guardianship concerns that should be addressed for long range planning.

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### (Evening Repeated Presentations)

Time—6:00 to 6:30

Time—6:30 to 7:00

Time—7:00 to 7:30

(These "repeated sessions" will last 30 minutes and repeat at each of the three times indicated above.)

#### Managed Care Changes"

##### Presenters:

Lorie Winn, Care Coordinator DD Specialist,  
CoastalCare

Angela Keith, Housing Development Manager  
CoastalCare

##### Focus of Presentation:

This 30 minute repeated session will provide updates on the new managed care system that will be in place effective January 2013. Information on the changes & available services, no CAP waivers, and residential options will be discussed.

(Evening Repeated Presentations Continued)

#### "Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services"

##### Presenters:

Scott Crouch,  
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor,  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Leslie Tidwell-Godwin,  
Benefits Counselor,  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

##### Focus of presentation:

This 30 minute repeated session will provide information on how Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) can assist individuals with physical, mental, or learning-related disabilities who require assistance to prepare for, locate, or maintain employment compatible with their interests, skills & potential. For eligible students, VR may be able to provide vocational guidance & assist with training, job placement, and other services. In addition, presenters will focus on educating students, family members and school personnel for the effect of earnings on cash benefits and medical insurance. Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance benefit programs offer not only cash payments and health insurance, but also include numerous work incentives specifically designed to aid in successfully transitioning from school to adult life.

#### "Exploration of Assistive Technology"

##### Presenters:

Dr. Amelia K. Moody, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Early Childhood & Special  
Education Watson School of Education,  
UNCW

Dr. Allison Jones, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Early Childhood & Special  
Education Watson School of Education,  
UNCW

##### Focus of presentation:

This 30 minute repeated session will provide information on "Universal Design Learning" (UDL) and assistive technology considerations during transition.

# This is Information You Cannot MISS!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### DAYTIME HOURS:

#### AGENCY & EMPLOYER BOOTHS

HOURS—9:30 TO 2:30

- Students will be bused from their home high schools
- Parents can talk with agency & employer representatives

### EVENING HOURS:

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

HOURS — 6:00 TO 7:30

- Parents and students can attend evening “break-out sessions” that are listed in this brochure



*The future is not something  
we enter.*

*The future is  
something we create.*

*And creating that future  
requires us to make  
choices and decisions...*

*That all begin with a dream.*



*Leonard I. Sweet*



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# What's Next in Your Life?

**2012—2013  
Transition Fair  
October 30, 2012**

For Individuals with  
Disabilities  
&  
Special Needs

**LOCATION:**  
**DALE K. SPENCER  
BUILDING**  
**1802 S. 15TH STREET**

**Time: 9:30 to 2:30**  
**6:00 to 7:30**  
**Admission is Free**